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Grant Applications for Round One of Funding to Help Victims of Crime Now Being Accepted

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today grant applications for round one of funding to help victims of crime are now being accepted. Funding will be made available through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant. Grant applications will be accepted thru 11:59 p.m. on July 31 2015. The second round of funding will open later this year. Those applying for round one can also apply for round two.

The United State Congress created the VOCA fund in 1984 to support programs focused on providing direct services to victims of crime. VOCA is funded entirely by the collected revenue of federal crime fines, forfeitures, and special assessments.

VOCA funding may be used to create new services, or expand and enhance already existing services to victims of crime. Services are defined as efforts that respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, assist the stabilization of primary and secondary victims following victimization, provide victims direction in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system, and provide victims with a measure of safety and security.

Organizations eligible to receive funding include state, public, and nonprofit institutions whose sole mission is to provide services to victims of crime; criminal justice departments, such as law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's offices, courts, and corrections departments; as well as organizations providing mental health support, legal assistance, and programs with a history of advocacy on behalf of domestic violence and sexual assault victims

ICJI is continually looking for new and innovative programs that support victims of crime. Past recipients, related programs, and those wishing to establish creative solutions in these areas are encouraged to apply.

VOCA applications are accepted through the Egrants online application process, found at <https://egrants.cji.in.gov>. Applicants must be registered in Egrants, and first time registrants can visit the Egrants website and click on the Register button located on the front page. Failure to register will prevent applicants from obtaining access to the application system and registration could take several days for first time registrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 24 hours of the deadline. Late applications or applications submitted through any means other than Egrants, will not be considered for funding.

For more information regarding Indiana's statewide resources available to assist victims of crime, please visit: www.IN.gov/CJI, and click on the victim services link. For those needing technical assistance submitting a grant application, the Egrants Helpdesk is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm ET, and can be reached at: CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov. An Egrants manual is also available online at: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2375.htm>. To view all current ICJI funding opportunities, please visit <http://www.in.gov/cji/2371.htm>.

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